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Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas
App. No. : 10/075,668
Filed : February 13, 2002
For : AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING A
LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A BONE
PORTION
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In response to the Office's notice which was mailed August 25, 2005, transmitted herewith for filing and consideration in the above-referenced application is the following:

(X) Amendment After Final in 11 pages.

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.